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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 8, 2006 (the "Final Office Action"), the Advisory Action mailed on March 1, 2007 ("the March 1, 2007 Advisory

Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed April 18, 2007 (the "April 18, 2007 Advisory Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 14 of this paper.